



MINUTES

Temporary Redistricting Advisory Commission

February 25, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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Rose Brown
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MEETING IN BRIEF

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- I. Procedural Business.
- II. Public Hearings.
- III. Iowa Redistricting Basics.



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I. Procedural Business.

Call to Order. The third meeting of the Temporary Redistricting Advisory Commission was called to order at 10:07 a.m., Friday, February 25, 2011, in Room 300 of the Miller Building.

Minutes from the Previous Meeting. The minutes of the February 17, 2011, meeting of the Commission were approved.

Rules of Procedure. The Commission adopted the rules of procedure that were submitted to the Commission on February 11, 2011. A copy of the rules is attached.

Next Meeting. The Commission agreed to schedule its next meeting for Friday, April 1, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. in a room to be determined in the State Capitol.

Adjournment. The Commission recessed from 11:20 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The Commission adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

II. Public Hearings.

The Commission tentatively scheduled a public hearing in Council Bluffs on April 4, 2011, in the Davenport area on April 5, 2011, in Cedar Rapids on April 6, 2011, and in Des Moines on April 7, 2011. The Commission agreed to provide Iowa Communications Network (ICN) locations for the public hearings in Council Bluffs and Cedar Rapids. The Commission expressed the desire to locate one public hearing in each congressional district proposed under the redistricting plan to be submitted to the General Assembly on March 31, 2011. The Commission decided one of the two ICN public hearings could be moved if necessary to accommodate the desire to locate one meeting in each proposed congressional district. The Commission requested the Legislative Services Agency to make the necessary arrangements for each public hearing.

The Commission determined that a person desiring to speak at one of the public hearings will be required to sign in prior to the meeting. The Commission also determined a list of all attendees at each public hearing should be compiled. Each speaker at the public hearings will be allowed three minutes to present his or her views. Written comments will be accepted by the Legislative Services Agency through a moderated listserve on the Internet. The public hearings located in Davenport and Des Moines will take place from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The public hearings with ICN origination in Council Bluffs will take place from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and in Cedar Rapids from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

III. Iowa Redistricting Basics.

Mr. Ed Cook, Legislative Services Agency, provided the Commission with a brief overview of the redistricting process in Iowa, including the history of redistricting; the legal underpinnings for the redistricting process; redistricting standards; the role of the Iowa General Assembly, the Iowa Supreme Court, the Temporary Redistricting Advisory Commission, and the Legislative Services Agency in the redistricting process; plan preparation; and the time frame for various plans.

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